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COUNTRY AFGHANISTAN

SUBJECT DEATH OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER MOHAMMAD HASHIM MAIWANDWAL

1. [REDACTED] THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA) ANNOUNCED ON 2 OCTOBER THAT FORMER PRIME MINISTER MOHAMMAD HASHEM MAIWANDWAL HAD COMMITTED SUICIDE IN HIS CELL EARLY THAT MORNING.)

2. MOHAMMAD HASHEM MAIWANDWAL DID NOT KILL HIMSELF. HE WAS TORTURED FOR MANY DAYS AND BEATEN TO DEATH WHILE BEING QUESTIONED IN THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. THE FINAL FATAL BEATING OF MAIWANDWAL WAS ADMINISTERED BY ENGINEER

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GHAUSUDDIN FAIO, GOA MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. A WITNESS WHO HAD SEEN MAIWANDWAL'S BODY AFTER HIS DEATH REPORTED THAT EIGHT OF HIS FINGER NAILS HAD BEEN EXTRACTED DURING THE COURSE OF THE INTERROGATIONS AND THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF ELECTRIC TORTURE.

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3. THE TWO OTHER ALLEGED LEADERS OF THE COUNTER-COUP PLOT, GENERAL KHAN MOHAMMAD (FORMER GOVERNOR OF NANGRAHAR), AND GENERAL ABDUL RAZAK (FORMER CHIEF OF THE ROYAL AFGHAN AIR FORCE) ARE ALLEGEDLY BEING TORTURED AND BEATEN SEVERELY IN ORDER TO EXTRACT CONFESSIONS. VERY RECENTLY GENERAL KHAN MOHAMMAD WAS, AT PRESIDENT DAUD'S ORDER, BEATEN IN FRONT OF HIM AND THEN SEVERELY REPROACHED BY DAUD FOR ACCEPTING HIS AID IN THE PAST AND THEN REPAYING THIS WITH CONSPIRACY. ADDITIONAL ARRESTS OF MAIWANDWAL SUPPORTERS AND PERSONS

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NAMED AS FRIENDS OR CONTACTS OF THOSE ALREADY ARRESTED, ARE CONTINUING. THERE IS NO INDICATION AS TO THE SENTENCES THAT WILL BE GIVEN TO THE MAIN LEADERS OF THE PLOT.

4. [REDACTED] AMONG THE AFGHAN POPULACE, THERE IS MUCH SKEPTICISM REGARDING MAIWANDHAL'S SUICIDE. THERE IS ALSO MUCH REGRET AND SORROW AT HIS DEATH. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE IS A STRONG FEELING THAT MAIWANDHAL HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN A COUNTER-COUP PLAN, THAT HE HAD BEEN TOO HASTY IN TRYING TO BRING THIS ABOUT, AND THAT HE WAS IN FACT IN COLLUSION WITH GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN FIGURES.)

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